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For: NOVEL FORM OF IRBESARTAN,  
METHODS FOR OBTAINING SAID FORM AND  
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS  
CONTAINING SAME

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 29, 2003 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office setting a three-month period for response which was set to expire on December 29, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is hereby extended by three months to March 29, 2004 pursuant to the Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) which is submitted herewith.